

What is claimed is: ~~Patent Claims:~~

1 1(currently amended). Sanitary fitting, with
2 ~~1.1~~ a valve body ~~(1)~~,
3 ~~1.2~~ a mixer cartridge ~~(3)~~ located in the valve body ~~(1)~~, which
4 ~~1.2.1 features~~ , **and** an operating shaft ~~(7)~~ **associated with the mixer**
5 **cartridge,**
6 ~~1.3~~ an operating grip ~~(8, 18)~~ for operating the mixer cartridge ~~(3)~~,
7 ~~which 1.3.1,~~ **wherein the operating grip** can be connected with the
8 operating shaft ~~(7)~~ of the mixer cartridge ~~(3)~~,
9 ~~1.4~~ a locking device for **connecting** ~~securing~~ the operating grip ~~(8,~~
10 ~~18)~~ ~~connected~~ with the operating shaft ~~(7)~~, **secure** against removal, ~~same~~
11 ~~device 1.4.1 is~~ **said locking device being** formed such that ~~#~~ **the locking**
12 **device** does not act between the operating grip ~~(8, 18)~~ and the operating
13 shaft ~~(7)~~.

1 2(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 1, wherein the
2 locking device at least **comprises** ~~features~~ two interacting locking elements,
3 ~~of which, the one is~~ **one of said locking elements being** provided on the
4 operating grip ~~(8, 18)~~ and ~~the other is~~ **another of said locking elements**
5 **being** provided on the valve body ~~(1)~~.

1 3(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2, wherein the
2 locking element located on **the** valve body ~~(1)~~ forms a part of ~~a~~ **the** means
3 **for** ~~of~~ fixing the mixer cartridge ~~(3)~~.

1 4(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein
2 the locking element located on **the** valve body ~~(1)~~ is a part of **the** valve body
3 ~~(1)~~.

1 5(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to **claim 2** ~~one of claims~~
2 ~~2 to 4~~, wherein the locking element located on valve body ~~(1)~~ is a part of **an**
3 **the** outlet ~~(11)~~ of the sanitary fitting.

1 6(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~one of claims~~
2 ~~2 to 5~~, wherein the locking element located on valve body (1) ~~is~~ **comprises** a
3 sleeve (4, 24).

1 7(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~one of claims~~
2 ~~2 to 6~~, wherein the locking element located on valve body (1) ~~is~~ **comprises** a
3 union nut.

1 8(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~one of claims~~
2 ~~2 to 7~~, wherein the locking element located on the operating grip (8, 18) ~~is~~
3 **comprises** a flange (10).

1 9(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~one of the~~
2 ~~preceding claims~~, wherein a ~~the~~ surface facing away from the mixer cartridge
3 (3) on the locking element of the operating grip (8, 18) is a part of **one of**
4 ~~either~~ a cylindrical surface **and** ~~or~~ a spherical surface.

1 10(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein
2 the flange (10) is formed such that **the flange** ~~it~~ covers a ~~the~~ passage
3 opening for the operating shaft (7) ~~preferably in all possible positions of the~~
4 ~~mixer cartridge (3).~~

1 11(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2 ~~one of claims~~
2 ~~2 to 10~~, wherein **further comprising** a seal ~~is~~ located between the two
3 locking elements of the locking device.

1 12(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 11, wherein **the**
2 ~~a seal is~~ **fitted on a side of one of the locking elements** ~~located on the~~
3 ~~side of locking element with fitting.~~

1 13(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 11 ~~or 12~~,
2 wherein the seal **comprises** ~~features~~ a section with a sliding surface finish.

1 14(currently amended). Sanitary fitting according to claim 1 ~~one of the~~
2 ~~preceding claims~~, wherein the fixing means of the operating grip (8, 18) on
3 the operating shaft (7) ~~in the circumferential direction is provided between~~
4 ~~these two parts~~ **is arranged on a circumference around the operating**
5 **grip and the operating shaft.**

1 15(new). Sanitary fitting according to claim 3, wherein the locking
2 element located on the valve body is a part of the valve body.

1 16(new). Sanitary fitting according to claim 2, wherein the locking
2 element located on valve body is a part of an outlet of the sanitary fitting and
3 a part of one of the valve body and a means for fixing the mixer cartridge.

1 17(new). Sanitary fitting according to claim 10, wherein the flange covers
2 the passage opening for the operating shaft in all possible positions of the
3 mixer cartridge.